

REMARKS

Claims 4-16, 20, 29-30 and 31-69 are pending in the present Application. Applicants thank the Examiner for the conditional allowance of claims 44, 45 and 48. Applicants cancel claims 4-16, 20, 29-30, 31-43, 46-47 and 49-69 and amend claims 44, 45 and 48 to be in independent form. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and request allowance of the remaining seven claims.

Claims Rejected Under 35 USC §103

Claims 4-16, 20 and 29-43, 46-47, 49-57 and 60-69

Applicants, in an effort to accelerate prosecution of this Application, cancel claims 4-16, 20, 29-30, 31-43, 46-47 and 49-69 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to resubmit such canceled claims in the future.

Allowed Subject Matter

Claims 44, 45 and 48

As requested, Applicants have amended claims 44, 45 and 48 to be in independent form such that each now includes all of the limitations of their corresponding base claims and any corresponding intervening claim. As such, and in accordance with the Office Action, Applicants submit that such claims are allowable as written.

CONCLUSION

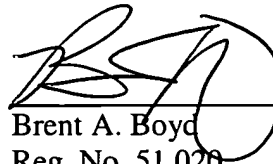
In light of the arguments and amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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